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Basic Data	The information in a material master record used to store user information on the material. All data is defined at the USDA level. Key fields are: Material Number, Material Description, Base UOM, Material Group, and Product Hierarchy.	Commodity Group Table Information. Information that defines the commodity code.	Commodity File	Procurement
Batch	A collection of a particular material with similar characteristics. Entered during the goods receipt process to recognize inventory quantity in batches.	A collection of a particular commodity sharing similar characteristics. Assigned by Receiving Warehouse that represents a commodity received.	Not identified in ECOS today. This is also referred to as Lot Number and assigned in the National Warehouse	Fulfillment
Batch Characteristics	Attributes of a batch that is used to describe its characteristics.	The attributes that are used to describe the characteristics of a lot (e.g., moisture content, re-inspection date, best used by, etc.).	Not identified in ECOS today.	Fulfillment
Delivery Document	This document forms the basis of all shipping activities. It is used in various business transactions and the status settings in the document provide information on the progress of different steps within shipping processing.	The notification that is sent to a warehouse to ship commodities for a particular order.	Forwarding Notice	Fulfillment
Goods Receipt	An increase in warehouse stock due to a physical inward movement of goods or materials, either from internal production or the receipt of goods from a vendor.	The increase of warehouse stock.	Receive Shipment - Information on received shipments is available through ECOS reports for those organizations using the receive shipment function.	Fulfillment



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Material/Product	The goods that are the subject of business activity. Materials can represent commodities or services.	The goods that are the subject of business activity. Materials can represent commodities or services.	Commodities	Procurement
Material Description For Example: Beans, Canned, 6/10, Peaches, Canned Slice 24/300	Text of up to 40 characters that describes a material. Only one description can be entered for each material, in as many languages as desired.	Commodity Description, + Type Description + Pack Size Description. For Example: Cheese, MOZZ, LMPS, SHRED, FRZN 30-LB.	Commodity Description	Procurement
Material Group For Example: Vegetables, canned	A grouping of materials and services according to their characteristics.	A grouping of materials and services according to their characteristics. For Example 05: Cheese, 04: Butter.	Similar to ECOS Product Categories	Procurement
Material Master	The total of all material master records. A company manages the data on all its materials in the material master. It integrates data from engineering, manufacturing, sales and distribution, purchasing, accounting, and other departments.	Contains commodity elements and is used to add and maintain commodity code information.	Commodity File	Procurement
Material Number	A number that uniquely identifies a material in the SAP system. Material number can be assigned internally (e.g., 100101) or externally (e.g., B00202).	Commodity Group + Commodity + Pack. For Example: 055030. FNS commodity codes are alpha-numeric. For Example: A144-	Commodity Code	Procurement



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Material Type: For Example: DIEN=Service, NLAG=Non Valuated, HAWA = Trading Goods	<p>A grouping together of materials with the same basic attributes such as raw materials, semi finished products, or finished products.</p> <p>All materials must be assigned to a material type which determines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether the material is intended for a specific purpose such as a configurable material or process material Whether the material number can be assigned internally or externally The number range from which the material number is drawn Which screens appear and in what sequence Which user department data you may enter What procurement type the material has; that is, whether it is manufactured in-house or procured externally, or both <p>Examples of different material types include raw materials, semi-finished product, finished goods, and services.</p>	N/A	Not currently provided in ECOS	Procurement
Plant	A Plant is a location where stock is stored and valuated. Each Plant is assigned to one company code.	Represent the location where inventory is managed.	National Warehouse locations	Procurement
Purchase Order	A request or instruction from a purchasing organization to a vendor (external supplier) or a plant to deliver a quantity of material or to perform services at a certain point in time.	Will contain contract and ND information.	Notice to Deliver	Procurement



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Purchase Requisition	A request or instruction to Purchasing to procure a quantity of a material or service so that it is available at a certain point in time.	N/A	Not available in ECOS	Procurement
Requisition	A requisition presents the customer with a offer for delivering a product or providing a service within certain fixed conditions.	Transaction used by the RAs and Co-ops to place orders into ECOS. These orders are reviewed by the SDAs before they get turned into delivery orders in PCIMS.	Requisitions	Fulfillment
Sales Order	A customer request to the company for delivery of goods or services at a certain time. The request is received by a sales area that is then responsible for fulfilling the contract.	A commodity order that can be reviewed and approved by the sponsoring agencies - Delivery Order	Delivery Order	Fulfillment
Ship-to Party	A person or company that receives goods.	The organization or location that receives commodities (e.g., SDA warehouse, processor location).	Entity - Processor or Warehouse	Fulfillment
Sold-to Party	A person or company that places an order for goods or services.	SDAs, ITOs, PVOs, etc. that can place commodity orders in the system	State Distributing Agency, Recipient Agency	Fulfillment
Storage Location	The storage location is an organizational unit in a plant that allows differentiation between the various stocks of a material. It represents systematically where the material is stored. Commodity valuation not done at storage location level.	N/A	N/A for ECOS. In order to satisfy the need to separate program inventory separate entity codes were established. Now a single "Ship-to Party" will be established and separate Storage Locations will be defined to establish program inventory for multi-food.	Fulfillment



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